

Strategic Framework Section CPC Summary Sheet

The Strategic Framework section of the Draft General Plan serves as an introduction/executive summary of the General Plan. It does not contain policies. In contrast, the Strategic Framework Element (SFE) that was adopted as a new element of the General Plan by the City Council on October 22, 2002 is currently in effect and contains many policies. These policies provided direction for the comprehensive update of the General Plan and have been refined, edited, or expanded upon in the appropriate elements as a part of the update process. For example, the City of Villages land use policies became a part of the Land Use and Community Planning Element, resource protection policies can be found in the draft Conservation Element, and policies relating to transit and interconnected streets became a part of the draft Mobility Element. Staff proposes that upon adoption of the updated General Plan, the 2002 Strategic Framework be rescinded.

In the July 2005 Draft General Plan, staff had proposed that the Strategic Framework Element be combined with the Land Use Element. CPC had significant issues with the Strategic Framework/Land Use Element that was a part of the July 2005 Draft. Key criticisms were that the Element needed to better delineate the role of the General Plan and community plans, and that village designations should occur only in community plans. Staff met with the full CPC on September 27, 2005 to propose the reorganization of the Strategic Framework/Land Use Element and to remove the City of Villages Map from the General Plan. CPC was supportive of these changes.

Major changes as compared to the July 2005 Draft included:

- Removal of the City of Villages Map
- Inclusion of a new Village Propensity Map based on existing conditions
- Expansion of the Community Planning section (of the Land Use and Community Planning Element) to better define the roles of the General Plan and community plans.
- Consolidation of public facilities policies into the Public Facilities, Services and Safety (Public Facilities) Element
- reorganization of discussion and policies originally contained within the Strategic Framework Element

CPC has primarily focused on review of the policies of the Draft General Plan. As such, CPC has not provided comments on the Strategic Framework section in its current form.